

WE CHOOSE

KINGDOM OVER CONSUMPTION

MINISTRY PLAN YR. 2022//2023



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SINCE WE ARE RECEIVING A KINGDOM THAT IS UNSHAKABLE, LET US BE THANKFUL AND PLEASE GOD BY WORSHIPING HIM WITH HOLY FEAR AND AWE.

—HEBREWS 12:28

The mission of Grace Church is to create disciples—followers of Jesus—who are fully devoted to God and to building his kingdom. Our Core Values help cultivate lives of spiritual maturity, resulting in personal ministry and driving discipleship into local communities. It's easy to be overwhelmed with the choices we face regarding how we will spend our time, money, and energy. These decisions can create momentum for discipleship, or they can cause us to drift toward consumption and away from our purpose.

We Choose is our two-year ministry plan that keeps us on track. It is a strategic way to budget, discuss, raise, and spend resources in order to accomplish this mission God has given us. It's not a capital campaign. It's a plan to ensure that every dollar given supports a broad range of ministries. It involves elders, pastors, and staff setting priorities and asking God for wisdom.

We Choose sustains the ministry we have already and looks ahead to opportunities that God has put before us. Our primary goal is to equip our members to be disciples and make disciples (Ephesians 4:12). Ultimately, this ministry plan involves you, and the choices you make, to partner with God through the local church, to change lives, and to advance his kingdom here at home and around the world.

STRATEGIC EMPHASIS AT EACH CAMPUS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS:

TL

- Maximizing our strategic location on Wade Hampton Boulevard and the bus line to provide community service avenues through our Foster & Adopt Resource Center, community garden, and parenting classes for biological family support.
- Developing partnerships with **Mitchell Road Elementary school** and **Miracle Hill Renewal.**

PL

- Leveraging our high concentration of Grace Students families by focusing on equipping parents and developing student leaders.
- Continuing to help members mobilize to own the cause of ministry partners (Front Porch Housing, Overcomers, Senior Honor, Berea school partnership).
- Expanding our work through **Decade20**—a growing community of singles, newlyweds, and young families.
- Launching **The Caregiver's Journey**—a support group we have developed for those caring for a family member with mental health difficulties or special needs.

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- Growing our relationships with the 35 students who are coming since we launched **Grace Church Students** last year.
- **Re:generation**—expanding our reach into the community following the first ever inaugural group in Spanish.
- Translating and distributing material, including several articles related to GroupLife, Ezer curriculum and monthly newsletters, parenting classes, and Grace Church Kids curriculum, both here and in Latin America.

DT

- **The Mix**—continuing to connect 20s and early 30s, many of whom are new to the Upstate, into the life of the church.
- **ViewPoint Leadership Year**—providing mentorship and teaching to 35 Downtown young professionals to equip them towards a kingdom view of life and work.
- Building on our launch of **re:generation** and **relengage** to serve the downtown Greenville area, both those within and outside our church.













HB

- **Mosaic**—significant growth is allowing for more intentional and dedicated Mosaic space.
- **Senior Honor**—Serving the residents of Fairview Park with regular worship services, weekly resident touches, and campus beautification projects.
- Using our strategic location for local outreach to both Greenville and Laurens County.

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- **Grace NEXT**—discipling college students through small groups, worship nights, and mentoring.
- **Re:generation**—building on our inaugural year that has seen over 40 people go through commencement.
- Continuing to grow our community partnership with **Westside High School** that has flourished through discipleship connections with Grace Church Students.

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- Growing our partnership with **Greer Relief**, a local non-profit providing neighbors in need with short-term emergency assistance.
- Expanding our effectiveness with our young families—40% of our campus are children and students.
- Developing even deeper relationships with local government and local businesses that are fueled by our downtown location.

SP

- **Homes of Hope**—supporting the neighborhood development adjacent to our property that will allow us to grow into a supportive discipleship role.
- **Spartanburg DSS**—growing our partnership and continuing to offer support through home repair/ renovations and Families Count parenting classes.
- Growing our focus on developing college students from seven colleges and universities in Spartanburg.

PV

- **Re:generation**—expanding to include partnerships with both the Alabaster House and Dream Center Opportunity Village.
- Moving all our community groups to continue to be regularly involved in outreach (Carolina High School, YMCA mentor, etc.).
- Focusing on family discipleship through Institute classes, serving, and community that combines children, students, and adults.

TR

- **Care & Recovery** ministries—building on our launch of relengage and GriefShare this year; re:generation and DivorceCare will launch in the fall of 2022.
- Building credibility through local partnerships by focusing on a few key areas—serving high school students, addressing drug problems, and supporting affordable housing for the elderly and under-employed.











SCAN FOR A VIDEO UPDATE FROM OUR CAMPUS PASTORS AND OTHER WE CHOOSE UPDATES

CORE VALUES

Pursuing a life of devotion to God and his kingdom involves personal transformation and not just participation in a community group or church community. It involves the active pursuit of growth, not the embrace of mediocrity. Devotion is a lifelong journey to become more like Christ—not just the completion of short-term tasks, responsibilities, or goals.



RELATIONALLY CONNECTED

Real life-change happens best in authentic, Christ-centered community.



BIBLICALLY ORIENTED

All areas of our lives are to be conformed to the truth of God's Word.



PRAYERFULLY DEPENDENT

A humble and dependent life is displayed through a lifestyle of communication with God.



MINISTRY FOCUSED

God calls us and equips us to uniquely serve him by serving his church.



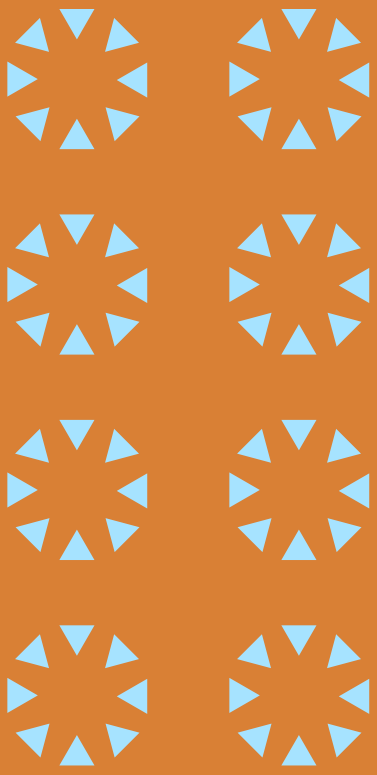
CULTURALLY ENGAGED

We seek to create natural opportunities to use good deeds to adorn the telling of our good news story of redemption.



COURAGEOUSLY GENEROUS

When we choose to be stewards instead of owners, we experience freedom instead of slavery.



GRACE CHURCH GROUPLIFE

MEN'S ROUNDTABLE

EZER

re|engage

re:generation™
recovery in Christ when life is broken

DISRUPTIVE DISCIPLESHIP

Everything we do as a church is aimed at equipping and motivating our volunteers and leaders to get involved in another person's life and help them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

In a culture that preaches consumption as the source of happiness, discipleship is best served by disruption, not by ever-increasing knowledge or spiritual experiences.

Disruption is the antidote to a common replacement for biblical change—self-actualization. Many believers are simply trying to become a better version of themselves with Jesus' help. The gospel drives us to examine our lives in accordance with Scripture. Are we fully devoted to God, loving him with our whole selves and then loving our neighbor? This type of devotion and obedience should fuel our pursuit of holiness.

Therefore, people live out the gospel most when they take a disruptive step—towards an honest and vulnerable relationship, to sacrifice and suffer for another, or to take risks on behalf of Christ and his mission.

BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

A group experience providing direction and care that is rooted in biblical truth for a desired outcome of life change.



BUDGET ALLOCATIONS
2021–2022

10%
OUTREACH

- Local Partnerships
- Regional Missions
- International Missions
- Missionary Support
- Foster/Adopt
- Español Multi-Campus
- Ministry Staff Support

14%
NEXT GENERATION

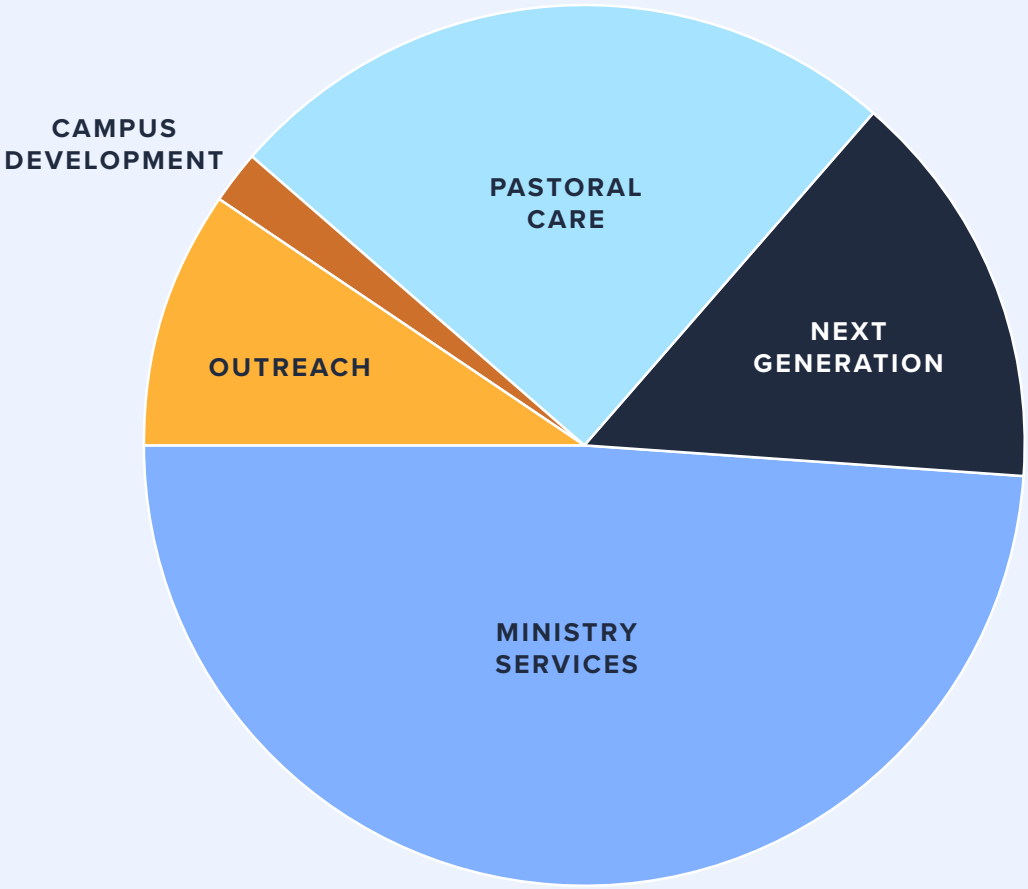
- Grace Church Kids
- Grace Church Students
- College Ministry
- Internships & Residents
- Young Leaders

25%
PASTORAL CARE

- Community Groups
- Men/Women Ministries
- Counseling & Shepherding
- Special Needs
- Care Ministries

2%
CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

- Improvements/ Renovations
- Existing Facility Expansion
- Debt Repayment



49%
MINISTRY SERVICES

- Worship
- Operations/Facilities
- Technology/Production
- Human Resources
- Finances/Accounting
- Capital Equipment
- Digital/Print Communications

HOUSING
HISTORY

In 2018, Grace's housing ministry took root and grew from the needs of one of our members. A graduate from the Renewal program was going through re:generation and could not find affordable housing. So, Care Ministry staff came alongside her and the search began. However, even then, it was incredibly difficult to find a place to live that was both affordable and provided a healthy environment. When one faces the constraints of poor credit because of their past and little to no savings, there are few choices available in the Greenville area. After months of searching, Grace staff was able to find an apartment complex that would work with us—waiving fees, looking past credit scores, and being willing to let Grace take financial responsibility for this individual. Two roommates in similar situations moved in, and Grace Housing became a reality.

What began as help for one member evolved into a two-year program designed to help individuals and families in crisis build a firm foundation with the goals of continued sobriety, gainful employment, financial independence, and spiritual maturity. We knew that the individuals coming into our program were coming out of crisis, recovery, abuse, poverty, and neglect, and we wanted to give them a clean, safe, warm environment that validated their worth and invoked a sense of dignity and pride as they moved into a new chapter of their lives.

As of the end of 2021, Grace has assisted over 48 residents and 38 children.



FRONT PORCH HOUSING

In late 2021, Grace had the opportunity to purchase an apartment complex from Greenville Tech. This opportunity opened a window for the scope of our housing ministry to grow significantly, and in 2022, Grace Housing became established as Front Porch Housing. When this purchase is complete, we will be able to serve hundreds of residents in a collaborative, supportive community. This means that we will be partnering with other non-profits like Mill Village and Jasmine Road as well as Grace members looking for an intentional and missional living situation. Growing this community will also decrease the cost for each individual, thus strengthening their financial stability during this 2.5–3 year transitional period.

We are thankful to play a small role in helping alleviate some of the challenges caused by a lack of affordable housing in the Upstate, and we are committed to seeing housing become part of the discipleship process for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. We are also grateful for the potential of 1,000 new volunteer opportunities for our members to become part of supporting the Front Porch Housing community.

WHERE DO THE APPLICANTS COME FROM?



- Transitional housing/recovery programs such as: Miracle Hill, Harmony House, Serenity Place, and Shalom
- Members of Grace Church (domestic violence, divorce, abuse, missional living)
- Human trafficking survivors
- Piedmont Women's Center
- Other sources



WHAT IS REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS TO PARTICIPATE?

- Rent and utilities payments
- Weekly connection with Grace (re:generation for most)
- Attend a weekly worship service at the church of their choice
- Submit to drug tests and apartment checks
- Participate in equipping classes and groups

WHAT ESSENTIALS ARE PROVIDED BY GRACE CHURCH?

- The guarantee of a 12-month lease
- Deposit
- Monthly guarantees to lessor
- Complete furnishings
- Partial utilities





WHAT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT DOES GRACE CHURCH PROVIDE?

- Warehouse furnishings
- re:generation, Care ministries, Ezer, Men's Roundtable
- Financial training
- Savings match (up to $100/mo. for 24 months)
- Medical/dental support available
- Mental health resources

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT FRONTPORCHHOUSING.ORG



SAMMY DEWALD, VOLUNTEER

"I love equipping people with tangible, physical things—giving them what they need for a warm home."

After participating with his community group in helping set up an apartment for a new resident, Sammy realized this was an area he could serve well. He then offered his handyman services and began doing small repairs and other odd jobs for housing residents. What began as one Saturday of volunteering led to real kingdom investment and a new perspective on how God could use him.



ANN MARIE ALCORTA, GRACE HOUSING RESIDENT

"I needed a cocoon and a team of people to come alongside me. Whether it be through correction, or encouragement, or love, I just can't tell you all the ways God has shown up for me. He's rolled out the red carpet."

GRACE HOUSING RESIDENT

"Grace did an excellent job of walking me through this process. They're adamant about not letting their members be in need. In such a big church, it made me realize how much they care."

SCAN TO READ MORE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING STORIES.



30 WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT HOUSING

- Meal planning
- Home repairs
- Childcare
- Resume review
- Budgeting
- Transportation
- Job training
- Counseling
- Cooking classes
- Medical care
- Dental care
- Tutoring
- Furniture donations
- Home setup / decorating
- Prayer
- Car repairs
- Landscaping
- Financial coaches
- Gardening
- Interview preparation
- Cleaning / painting
- Librarian services
- Holiday event planning
- Ezer study facilitators
- MRT facilitators
- Exercise classes
- re:gen mentors
- Parenting mentors
- Attorney services
- Tax preparation

FRONT PORCH HOUSING

RE:GENERATION

WHO IS RE:GENERATION FOR?

All who are dealing with the impacts of sin in this world, both our own and the sin of others. It is for all of us who feel stuck, broken, or hurt. All are invited to come find recovery in Jesus Christ.

- A form of biblical community with guided structure and discipline that helps you apply the gospel in intentional ways.
- We are accountable to disciple the people God brings to our church.
- We must identify with our need for daily rescue.

LAUNCHED RE:GEN AT 7 CAMPUSES BY EARLY 2022

LAUNCHED RE:GEN FOR ESPAÑOL & SHARED WITH NICARAGUAN PARTNERS

SPRING 2022 REGIONAL RE:GEN CHURCH LEADERS TRAINING
(IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WATERMARK CHURCH)

RE:GEN FOR STUDENTS AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS



CARE

CAREGIVING

Mental Health

Legacy

Chronic Illness

PARENTING

Single Parent

SSA (support for parents of children of any age who are same-sex attracted)

Adoption

ENDURING

Grief (available for children ages 5 and up through adult)

Divorce (available for children ages 5 and up through adult)

Chronic Illness

MARRIAGE

relengage

Marriage Matters

Weekend events



JENNIFER DILL,
Care Ministry Director

Jennifer Dill and her husband Jeff had been members at Grace for a few years when Jennifer volunteered to help launch GriefShare at the Pelham campus. After attending the interest meeting, she was surprised and disappointed to be assigned the role of greeter. Jennifer actually had a career in end-of-life care. As a board-certified chaplain, she had years of experience in a hospital setting helping people navigate death and loss.

What Jennifer quickly realized was that God was humbling her.

"It was like God was telling me that he didn't need me to be a leader. He just needed me to show up and serve. It didn't matter how many degrees and certifications I had. So I swallowed my pride, showed up, and tried to be a warm, welcoming presence for the people we served."

Jennifer has a heart for people walking through grief. When she was a senior in college, she lost her best friend suddenly and tragically in a boating accident. Her grief experience and how others interacted with her during that journey—in both helpful and hurtful ways—led her to a career in palliative care. Her personal journey with grief deepened her relationship with God, and he revealed himself to her in new ways. It was a natural step for Jennifer to use what she had learned to help others see God and be discipled well in the midst of their hurt.

After serving in GriefShare at Grace, Jennifer eventually came on staff—first as the Care & Recovery Administrator and Funeral and Bereavement Coordinator, and now as the Director of Care Ministries. Speaking of her role on staff, Jennifer says this:

"I love to listen and be with people during their neediest time. I know God wants me to be with his people in the midst of their brokenness. I have seen how God uses my past to provide comfort for others going through sorrow and loss. And more than anything else, God has taught me humility and that I need to depend on him to guide me as I serve those around me."

NATURAL BURIAL

Flowing out of the *Theology of Death* teaching series in 2015, our church leadership recognized that our culture is failing to prepare people to walk through the reality and difficulty of death. Desiring to shepherd our members through grief with hope, we began searching for a natural burial site.

Natural burial is just like it sounds—there is no embalming or vaults; instead, those who have passed are placed into the ground in a pine box or a shroud. Without the complications of extensive funeral costs, natural burial allows friends, family, and community to actively participate in the death and burial of their loved ones in a tangible way.

In 2021, we purchased 12 acres of land in Piedmont. Since then, we've walked alongside several families in the funerals of their loved ones, and in the coming years hope to disciple thousands of others as we walk with them through their grief.



THE BANKE FAMILY

"Grace Church staff were incredibly caring, honoring, respectful, and nurturing in the burial experience with Dad. I truly felt loved while grieving."

Chip Banke, a Spartanburg member, buried his father Donald on the natural burial grounds supported by his former community group.

FUTURE NEEDS

- General landscaping
- Front fencing with stone columns
- Construction of rough roads
- Construction of chapel or pole barn
- Construction of storage area

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT GRACECHURCHSC.ORG/NATURALBURIAL



WORSHIP

SONGWRITING

Songwriting is one way we equip the church for personal and corporate worship. We sing together to respond to God, and writing our own songs allows that response to closely reflect the Scripture-based truths we learn when we gather together. Songs have the power to give language to the work of the Spirit within us and help us memorize truth.

BAPTISMS

Jesus told his disciples to baptize new believers for a reason—there is perhaps no better testimony of his power than to see someone publicly profess their allegiance to Jesus. Participating in baptism corporately leads us to worship. If the Spirit is convicting you to publicly identify with Jesus, talk to your campus staff about baptism.



ESPAÑOL

When Grace en Español launched in 2014, it was a small group of Spanish speakers gathering at the Pelham campus student center. We now have two congregations, located in Spartanburg and Taylors, with several hundred gathering every Sunday for teaching and worship.

As Grace en Español grows, we are continually grateful for the opportunity to disciple Latinos in the Upstate through multiple avenues—our Grace Church Students program launched in 2021, and we are one of the first churches to implement the re:generation recovery program in Spanish. But the reach extends far beyond our church doors. Grace en Español's digital resources, including teaching, conferences, and online services, have been accessed from 32 different countries, including every country where Spanish is the primary language. Families whose churches are closed due to COVID-19 have been able to utilize our online teaching, and there's even a group of women in a Colombian prison studying the Ezer curriculum.

As the Latino population increases in the Upstate, the need for discipleship and discipleship resources in Spanish only increases.



MANUEL MEDINA

"Re:gen ha sido una de las experiencias más significativas de mi vida. Dios ha sanado muchas heridas en mí."

"Re:gen has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life—God has healed so many wounds."

During the first year of re:generation at Grace en Español, 2 Groundwork groups and 6 Step groups worked through the material.

READ MORE OF MANUEL'S STORY HERE.

59% GROWTH IN THE UPSTATE LATINO POPULATION

250 PEOPLE GATHER AT CAMPUSES FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

32 COUNTRIES USE OUR DIGITAL RESOURCES







MOSAIC INSPIRE

Mosaic is our ministry for children, students, and adults with disabilities, and we are so thankful for our staff and volunteers who serve these individuals and their families. Over the past year, it has become more and more apparent that there is a significant need for discipleship and support for adults with disabilities. Once they complete high school, many young adults are left with few opportunities for connection and little community.

So, in June of 2021, Grace launched Mosaic Inspire—a weekday ministry whose goal is to disciple and equip adults with special needs by helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through pursuing God, connecting with the church, and engaging the community. We believe that adults with special needs have a strategic impact to make on our community and in our church.

Each day, Grace staff and volunteers provide Bible lessons, teaching, and mentorship. Participants are also working through our Ezer and Men's Roundtable curriculum. Within Grace Church, participants are serving with facilities and re:gen as well as hosting a staff coffee shop. We also partner with Meals on Wheels, Project Hope, and NHC to give our Mosaic Inspire participants opportunities to volunteer, bless others, and connect with the community.



MOSAIC
INSPIRE
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



THE MCLENDON FAMILY

"Mosaic Inspire has been an answer to prayer for us—not just for Morgan, but for our whole family. It's given us purpose we wouldn't otherwise have."

READ MORE OF THE MCLENDONS' STORY HERE.

NEXT GENERATION

GRACE CHURCH KIDS

Parents are the primary disciple-makers of their children. Therefore, we want to assist parents in leading their children toward a gospel-centered life. The highlight of our preschool curriculum is a focus on the attributes of God. Our Camp Grace classes systematically cover almost 100 Bible stories in chronological order over two years. Our prayer is that these kids will develop big thoughts about God and his kingdom and become acquainted with the person of Jesus.

GRACE CHURCH STUDENTS

At an early age, our children are tempted to believe that consumption is the path to happiness. This worldview takes root during the middle and high school years as students gain freedom and independence. Our goal is to help interested students pursue God, connect with the church, and engage the world. Students receive weekly biblical teaching at an age-appropriate level. They also develop as they serve one another at home and abroad.

YOUNG LEADERS

We are committed to helping young leaders develop their worldview to be shaped more by the Scriptures and less by the culture. Discipleship happens when individuals are given the chance to study, but also to lead and serve inside the church. We are also committed to helping our young leaders in the workplace develop their character and embody kingdom principles in their respective vocations. Programs include Kairos, Speirō, Residency, Grace Next, Camp Staff, and ViewPoint Leadership Year.

317 INTERNS AND RESIDENTS SINCE 2010

The world is discipling the next generation in the belief that greater consumption leads to greater happiness—the Bible teaches contentment, joy, and gratitude for what we have been given.



FOSTER & ADOPT



THE BARLEY FAMILY

Neil and Jessica Barley had always been compelled by the idea of fostering, so it was a natural first step for Jessica to begin mentoring a teenage girl in foster care. That one step of obedience eventually led to them fostering and adopting their daughter. Within a few months of her adoption, they added a baby boy to their family as well. It was a time full of big changes, and they had to learn to lean into God in the face of the unknown. Reflecting on their experience of adopting a teenager, Jessica and Neil say, “We have learned that whatever God calls us to, we need to be faithful with the small thing in front of us and trust him—that he’s faithful to walk us through whatever he’s called us to.”

WILL YOU CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE FOSTER AND ADOPT MINISTRY IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS?

CAMPUS-BASED FOSTER & ADOPT CHAMPIONS PROVIDE

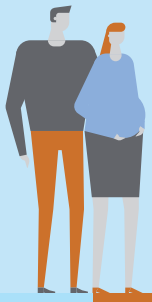
- Parent's Night Out events
- Countless prayers
- Family meals
- Sweet treats
- Lunches
- Encouragement



FOSTER & ADOPT RESOURCE CENTER

Volunteers serve hundreds of children and families across the Upstate by providing clothing and furniture.





BIOLOGICAL PARENTS

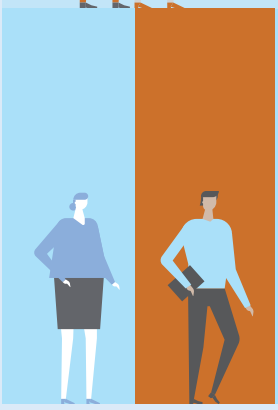
One way we're caring for children in foster care is by offering Families Count, a class that equips biological parents to take steps towards reunification with their children.



FOSTER & ADOPT FAMILIES

We encourage families at Grace to prayerfully consider fostering and adopting as a kingdom investment.





GUARDIAN AD LITEM

- The role of a guardian ad litem is to represent the voice of the child, not necessarily the biological parents or foster parents.
- We have hosted three foster, adopt, and guardian ad litem information meetings for 65 Grace Church members.
- 40 Grace members have been trained and are currently serving as guardians ad litem.

DSS SUPPORT

- Backpacks
- Lunches
- Visitation rooms
- Adopt a DSS worker
- Print resources for biological parents



HEAR MORE OF THE BARLEYS’ STORY.

OUTREACH
LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

At Grace Church, outreach is centered on our core value of being Culturally Engaged. Through engaging our neighbors locally and internationally, we create relationships that provide opportunities to share the gospel and care for those in need. These relationships also create inroads for our members to engage our communities in ways that promote discipleship, since life-on-life ministry is where real growth occurs.

Locally, we are partnering with organizations in our community that serve vulnerable populations and have a proven track record of success. Our partnership with each organization includes a two-year commitment of substantial financial support to help the organization build capacity, as well as opportunities for our church members to volunteer and serve in ways that grow them as disciples of Jesus.



JUMPSTART
Transforming the lives of prisoners from the inside out

JumpStart disciples current and former prisoners and assists with reentry into society.

Jasmine Road
ROOTED IN LOVE

Jasmine Road is a two-year residential program for women escaping sex trafficking and addiction.

Project HOPE Foundation

Project HOPE Foundation provides a lifespan of autism services for the autism community.

homes of hope

Homes of Hope is a well-respected builder and lessor of market-quality affordable housing across our state.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
GRACECHURCHSC.ORG/OUTREACH

SUPPORTING UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES

ALLENDALE

For the past 12 years, Grace has partnered with local churches and organizations in Allendale County to raise up the next generation of leaders as influential disciple-makers.

GRIGGS CHURCH

Our Forge students minister to our community through Mission Upstate—a series of local mission trips where Grace students and leaders work with Griggs Church and other local partners to serve the Poe Mill and Sans Souci neighborhoods.

MILL VILLAGE MINISTRIES

Mill Village Ministries, a thriving organization that began at Grace Church 10 years ago, has grown and adapted to meet the changing needs of under-resourced families and individuals in the Village of West Greenville.

CARING FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

SENIOR HONOR

Honoring and caring for the senior citizens in our society is important to God, and it is important to us. Volunteers at 10 sites provide worship services, build one-on-one relationships, and facilitate other opportunities at elder care communities across the Upstate.

WORLD RELIEF

We began a new relationship with World Relief, a refugee resettlement organization in the Upstate.



OUTREACH
INTERNATIONAL

Our goal with international outreach is twofold. We desire to come alongside ministries and partners who have expertise in their local context, investing with them to impact the scale of their gospel influence and broaden their volunteer base. As we help build the capacity of our partners, natural pathways are provided to disciple of our people to become doers of the Word and not just hearers. When we invest personally and financially in a context different from our own, we not only become more kingdom minded, we also grow in prayerful dependence.

In the next few years, we hope our members will think strategically about their occupation and take opportunities to go and serve for a few months or even a few years with some of our international partners.

FRANCE
Supporting a church plant led by Grace members, Nick and Annie VanWingerden, in Grenoble, the nation's largest university city.

GERMANY
Partnering with German church planting networks to disciple believers in a post-Christian context.

ISRAEL
The Association of Baptist Churches empowers the church in Israel, develops trust and cooperation between congregations, and strengthens the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

KENYA
Life Empowerment for Transformation International develops local leaders through pastoral training, economic development, medical camps, and OVC relief.

OVC Kenya provides sustainable support and promotes long term relationships with orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya.

NICARAGUA
Christ for the City International helps develop local leaders through pastoral training, medical camps, and local construction projects.

PUERTO RICO
Hunger Corp helps provide disaster relief for local residents and businesses through building and restoration projects.







ALI FORTHAUS

"There is so much to be gained from giving your life away. Even if it's short term, it's so rewarding to take a step back from the day-to-day and focus on serving others."

Two years ago, Ali Forthaus returned to Greenville in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Life quickly became difficult as the young professional experienced both the abrupt end to a long-term relationship and the loss of her dog. Encouraged by close friends to invest in the local church, Ali began attending a community group, and eventually re:gen. The healing God provided during this time was transformational, and when she found an opportunity to partner with Hunger Corp in Puerto Rico, Ali was ready to serve. Even though her skills as a medical professional weren't required during the trip, the lessons Ali gained from her week in Puerto Rico continue to reverberate in her daily life.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
GRACECHURCHSC.ORG/OUTREACH

GIVING GUIDE

We created the Giving Guide as a diagnostic tool. First, identify your current position on the journey of generosity. Next, pray and ask God where he would like you to be one year from now. Two years? Ten years? Finally, trust God with the answer and take a step of obedience to move forward.

RELUCTANT

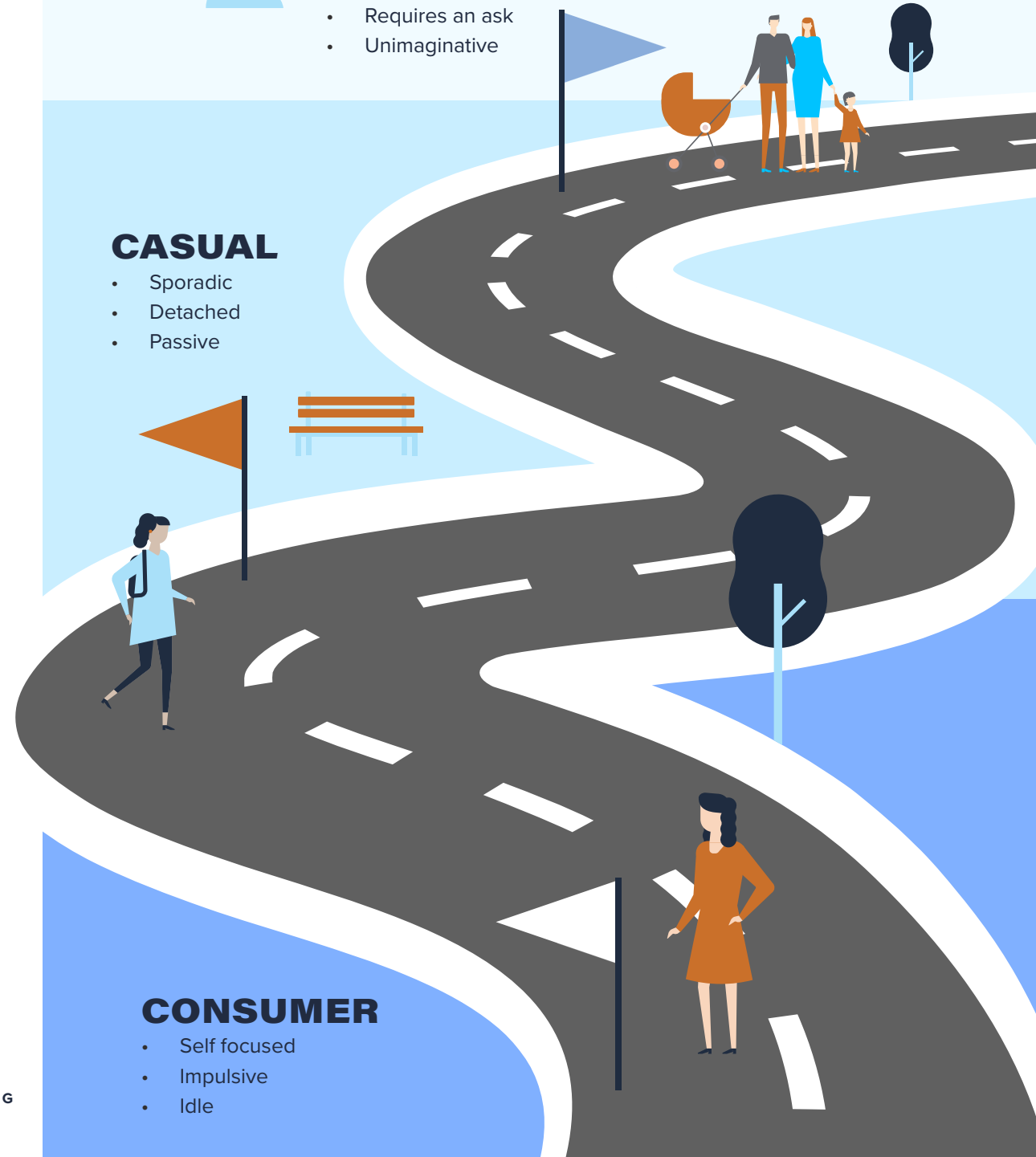
- Fearful
- Requires an ask
- Unimaginative

CASUAL

- Sporadic
- Detached
- Passive

CONSUMER

- Self focused
- Impulsive
- Idle



Giving increases our joy and draws us closer to God,
breaking the power of money and consumption over us.

INTENTIONAL

- Thoughtful
- Joyful
- Invested

COURAGEOUS

- Reckless
- Kingdom focused
- Motivated
- Expectant



YOU KNOW THE GENEROUS GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. THOUGH HE WAS RICH, YET FOR YOUR SAKES HE BECAME POOR, SO THAT BY HIS POVERTY HE COULD MAKE YOU RICH.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
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GIVING GUIDE REFLECTIONS

Revisit the Giving Guide. Identify your current place on the giving road and determine concrete steps to move courageously.

If I am a consumer

SELF FOCUSED, IMPULSIVE, OR IDLE

- Who do I know that is generous? Get coffee with them to discuss their giving motivation and practices.
- In 2021, 636 people made first-time gifts to Grace Church. Join that group and see what happens.

If I am a casual giver

SPORADIC, DETACHED, PASSIVE

- Why do I treat my financial gifts differently than my other monthly expenses?
- In 2021, 625 people set up recurring gifts through our new online giving platform at my.gracechurchsc.org. We encourage you to do the same. Some benefits of online giving include:
  - Helps guard against forgetfulness
  - Planning and budgeting is easier for the church
  - Lessens the church's administrative work
  - It is safe and convenient

If I am a reluctant giver

FEARFUL, REQUIRES AN ASK, UNIMAGINATIVE

- What fears keep me from giving consistently?
- Revisit your budget. Prioritize your giving in the same way you would your other monthly expenses. Give it a line item and follow through.

If I am an intentional giver

THOUGHTFUL, JOYFUL, INVESTED

- Do I believe that consumption leads to happiness? What kind of house, cars, toys, vacations, and savings accounts will foster contentment? The answers to these questions are unique to you. What if you placed a cap on spending and saving? What if you decided that every additional dollar above that "financial finish line" goes towards the kingdom and courageous giving? What could that look like for your family?
- Consider setting a lifetime generosity goal (a specific number) for your family's kingdom giving over the course of your life.

If I am a courageous giver

RECKLESS, KINGDOM FOCUSED, MOTIVATED, EXPECTANT

- Find context to share your story to inspire the next generation of courageous givers.
- Complete estate planning that accurately reflects kingdom priorities.

If you need help with the financial basics and the "Give, Save, Live" model, please consider joining a Money Matters class.

LEARN MORE AND VIEW THE CALENDAR HERE.

If you would like to discuss how to become a more kingdom-focused giver, email our generosity team at generosity@gracechurchsc.org.

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FOR YOUR KINGDOM IS AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM. YOU RULE THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS.

PSALM 145:13



